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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7007

INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

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SUBJECT: VISIT OF HONORABLE T. MAYS, OPIC

PRESIDENT

REF: STATE 097326

1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT MAY 24-28 OF PRESIDENT MAYS
OF OPIC. GEORGE THIGPEN, ECON CHIEF, WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER.

2. RE. SCHEDULE PROPOSED IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REFTL:

A. WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER GUIDANCE ON SIZE OF COCKTAIL
FOR U.S. BUSINESSMEN AND BANKERS CONTEMPLATED. IS OUR ASSUMPTION
CORRECT (PARA 6 REFTL) THAT MR. MAYS WOULD HOST
RECEPTION WITH EMBASSY ROLE ONLY THAT OF HELPING WITH ARR-
ANGEMENTS?

B. WE ARE LOOKING INTO POSSIBILIITY OF INFORMAL MEETING WITH
PRESIDENT ODUBER.

C. CONCERNING LAAD PROJECTS, RECOMMEND COSTA RICAN
PROGRAM BE WORKED OUT WITH GUATEMALA LAAD REGIONAL OFFICE.
PERHAPS THOMAS MOONEY OF LAAD WOULD WANT TO VISIT COSTA
RICA TO ACT AS ESCORT FOR THIS FIELD TRIP.

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D. WE SEE NO PROBLEM WITH ARRANGING COURTESY CALLS

ON MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND VISITS
TO OPIC INSURANCE PROJECTS. THESE WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED
IN ON EITHER FRIDAY OR MONDAY.

3. NEED TO KNOW SOONEST SIZE OF MAY DELEGATION IN ORDER
TO MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS. TENTATIVELY WE HAVE RESERVED TWO
DOUBLES IN HOTEL COSTA RICA.
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